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10-7-02PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTSIN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

A<sub>1</sub> Before line 1, insert -- This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/SE00/01877 which has an International filing date of September 27, 2000, which designated the United States of America.--